

**METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR INCORPORATING PAGER FUNCTIONALITY
INTO A LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A land mobile radio system receives paging messages communicated via a
paging service communication protocol, decodes the paging messages to identify
10 respective target recipients of the paging messages and determines whether the
target recipients are members of a user group. If a target recipient is a member of
the user group, a communication unit (e.g., radio or console) of the target
recipient is identified, the message is converted to an appropriate protocol (e.g., a
wireless protocol) and sent to the communication unit.

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